

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 143: DENTAL PROFESSIONS

§18302. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

1. Board. "Board" means the Board of Dental Practice established in Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 10.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

2. Charitable dentist license. "Charitable dentist license" means the authority granted to an individual to provide free dental care as requested by a charitable or social organization within the State when resident dental services are not available.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

3. Clinical dentist educator license. "Clinical dentist educator license" means the authority granted to an individual who is licensed as a dentist in another state or jurisdiction to participate in clinical education for individuals licensed under this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

4. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

5. Dental auxiliary. "Dental auxiliary" means a dental radiographer, expanded function dental assistant, dental hygienist, independent practice dental hygienist, public health dental hygienist, dental hygiene therapist or denturist.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

6. Dental hygiene. "Dental hygiene" means the delivery of preventative, educational and clinical services supporting total health for the control of oral disease and the promotion of oral health provided by a dental hygienist in accordance with this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

7. Dental hygiene therapist. "Dental hygiene therapist" means a person who holds a valid license as a dental hygienist issued by the board and is authorized to practice dental hygiene therapy under this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

8. Dental hygiene therapy. "Dental hygiene therapy" means the delivery of dental hygiene services, including performance of certain dental procedures in accordance with this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

9. Dental hygienist. "Dental hygienist" means a person who holds a valid license as a dental hygienist issued by the board.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

10. Dental radiographer. "Dental radiographer" means a person who holds a valid license as a dental radiographer issued by the board.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

11. Dental radiography. "Dental radiography" means the use of ionizing radiation on the maxilla, mandible and adjacent structures of human beings for diagnostic purposes while under the general supervision of a dentist in accordance with this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

12. Dentist. "Dentist" means a person who holds a valid dentist license issued by the board.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

13. Dentistry. "Dentistry" means the scope of practice for a dentist as described in section 18371.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

14. Denture. "Denture" means any removable full or partial upper or lower prosthetic dental appliance to be worn in the human mouth to replace any missing natural teeth.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

15. Denturism. "Denturism" means the process of taking denture impressions and bite registrations for the purpose of making, producing, reproducing, constructing, finishing, supplying, altering or repairing of a denture to be fitted to an edentulous or partially edentulous arch or arches and the fitting of a denture to an edentulous or partially edentulous arch or arches, including the making, producing, reproducing, constructing, finishing, supplying, altering and repairing of dentures, without performing alteration to natural or reconstructed tooth structure, in accordance with this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

16. Denturist. "Denturist" means a person who holds a valid denturist license issued by the board.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

17. Department. "Department" means the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

18. Direct supervision. "Direct supervision" means the supervision required by the board by rule of those tasks and procedures requiring the physical presence of the supervisor in the practice setting at the time such tasks or procedures are being performed. In order to provide direct supervision of patient treatment, the supervisor must at least diagnose the condition to be treated, authorize the treatment procedure prior to implementation and examine the condition after treatment and prior to the patient's discharge.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

19. Expanded function dental assistant. "Expanded function dental assistant" means a person who holds a valid expanded function dental assistant license issued by the board.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

20. Expanded function dental assisting. "Expanded function dental assisting" means performing certain dental procedures under the supervision of a dentist in accordance with this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

21. Faculty. "Faculty" means, when used in conjunction with a license issued under this chapter, the authority granted to an individual who is authorized to practice only within the school setting, including any satellite locations approved by the board, and who teaches dentistry, dental hygiene or denturism as part of a clinical and didactic program.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

22. General supervision. "General supervision" means the supervision required by the board by rule of those tasks and procedures when the physical presence of the supervisor is not required in the practice setting while procedures are being performed.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

23. Independent practice dental hygienist. "Independent practice dental hygienist" means a person who holds a valid license as a dental hygienist issued by the board and who is authorized to practice independent dental hygiene.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

24. License. "License" means a license or permit issued by the board granting authority to an individual authorized under this chapter to perform certain services.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

25. Limited dentist. "Limited dentist" means a dentist who has retired from the regular practice of dentistry and who holds a valid license issued by the board to practice only in a nonprofit clinic without compensation for work performed at the clinic. Services provided by a limited dentist must be in accordance with this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

26. Local anesthesia. "Local anesthesia" means a drug, element or other material that results in a state of insensibility of a circumscribed area or the loss of sensation in some definite, localized area without inhibition of conscious processes.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

27. Nitrous oxide analgesia. "Nitrous oxide analgesia" means a gas containing nitrous oxide used to induce a controlled state of relative analgesia with the goal of controlling anxiety.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

28. Practice setting. "Practice setting" means the physical location where services authorized under this chapter are provided to the public.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

29. Provisional dental hygiene therapist. "Provisional dental hygiene therapist" means a person who holds a valid license as a dental hygienist issued by the board and who is authorized to practice dental hygiene therapy under the supervision of a dentist in accordance with this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

30. Public health dental hygiene. "Public health dental hygiene" means the delivery of certain dental hygiene services under a written supervision agreement with a dentist for the purpose of providing services in a public health setting in accordance with this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

31. Public health dental hygienist. "Public health dental hygienist" means a person who holds a valid license as a dental hygienist issued by the board and who is authorized to practice public health dental hygiene in accordance with this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

32. Public health setting. "Public health setting" means a place where the practice of public health dental hygiene occurs, and includes, but is not limited to, public and private schools, medical facilities, nursing homes, residential care facilities, mobile units, nonprofit organizations and community health centers.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

33. Resident dentist license. "Resident dentist license" means the authority granted to an individual who is a graduate of an approved dental school or college, who is not licensed to practice dentistry in this State and is authorized to practice under the direct or general supervision and direction of a dentist in a board-approved setting in accordance with this chapter.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

34. Reversible intraoral procedures. "Reversible intraoral procedures" means placing and removing rubber dams and matrices; placing and contouring amalgam, composite and other restorative materials; applying sealants; supragingival polishing; and other reversible procedures.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).

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